## **West Routt Senior Housing**

**A Modernization Project** 



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**Hayden, Colorado** 

The Routt County Senior Housing project, also known as The Haven, located in Hayden, Colorado, was originally constructed in the 1970s. It consisted of twelve, one-bedroom apartments in one and two story buildings built in two consecutive phases. It was not originally designed to specifically address accommodating persons with mobility impairments.



The Haven experienced gradual degradation from weathering and exhibited compromised site storm drainage over a period of about 25 years. Though it was intended to house senior citizens without mobility impairments, it eventually admitted individuals confined to wheelchairs and installed makeshift accessibility features.







Efforts began in 2002 to technically investigate the contemporary extent of maintenance and functional concerns. A development team was assembled and funding was secured to accomplish a surgical, yet comprehensive, modernization project intended to correct deferred maintenance; install low maintenance materials; address life safety issues; improve storm drainage patterns; remediate functional obsolescence; and improve accessibility for persons with disabilities.



## **Development Team**



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### **Project Description**



- ☐ Construction completed in 2004
- An independent living community for senior citizens
- The Phase 1 project accomplished the interior alteration of the onestory four-plex/community center building
- □ The Phase 2 project accomplished the exterior alteration of the onestory four-plex/community center building; interior modifications to the 2 two-story residential four-plexes; and some site improvements
- The Phase 3 project accomplished the exterior alteration of 2 two-story residential four-plexes and remaining site improvements
- □ USDA/Rural Development, Rural Rental Housing Program, permanent mortgage financing

A small town located in northwest Colorado with a long association with ranching. Population: around 1,600. The community is located in the Yampa River Valley near a regional airport, an electrical power generation plant, and the skiing community of Steamboat Springs.

#### **Hayden, Colorado**



## **Owner's Architectural Program**

#### **Special Considerations**

- Improve wheelchair accessibility to current federal standards, where possible
- ☐ Improve overall site surface storm drainage
- Update certain project features (i.e. ventilation, insulation, electrical, and mechanical) to current code requirements
- □ Remove life safety hazards
- Improve overall aesthetics



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# **Construction Phase Gallery**





# **Initial Occupancy Phase Gallery**

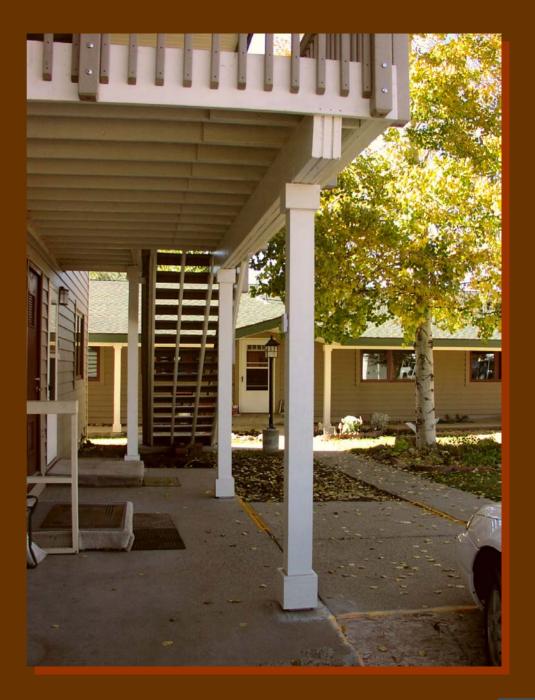
















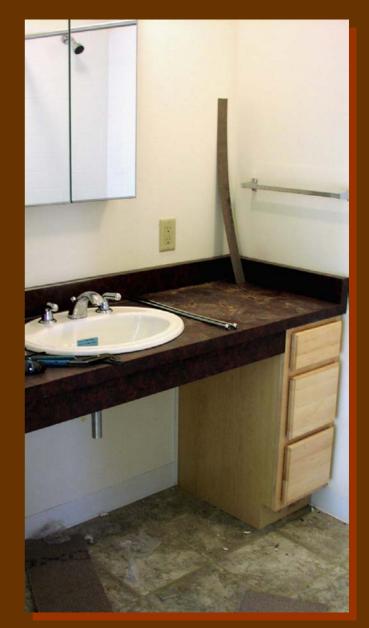






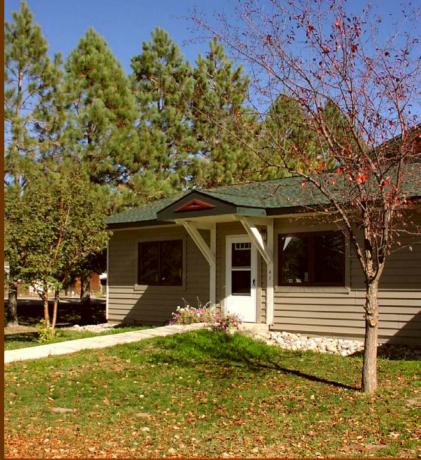






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